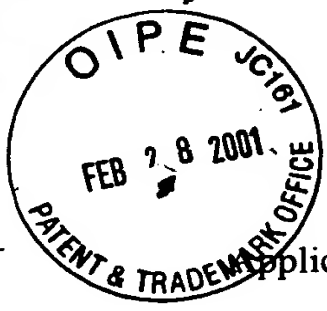


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**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 10.40(a) and 10.40(c)(5), I, Gary S. Williams,
a Partner at the law offices of Pennie & Edmonds LLP, being vested with full rights and
authority to represent all other attorneys of record at Pennie & Edmonds LLP, which
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submit their request for permission to withdraw as attorneys of record for Applicants Hu and Hoffman, in the above-identified patent.

This request is made because our client knowingly and freely assented to termination of our employment in the above-referenced application. See 37 CFR § 10.40(c)(5). A copy of our client's written instruction to terminate our employment in the above-referenced application and transfer our files to the client is attached as Exhibit A. Copies of all papers and property in our files concerning the prosecution of the involved application, to which the client is entitled under 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), have been delivered to Dr. Jifan Hu, President of Genmethrax, Inc., which company has responsibility for directing the prosecution of the captioned application by way of an ownership interest and/or license agreement between Genmethrax and the other assignees of the application.

It is believed that no actions are outstanding on the above-mentioned patent. Further correspondence in the involved patent should be directed to:

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Based on the foregoing, it is requested that permission to withdraw as attorneys of record be granted.

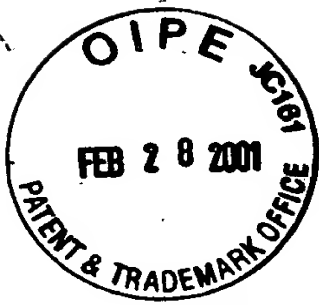
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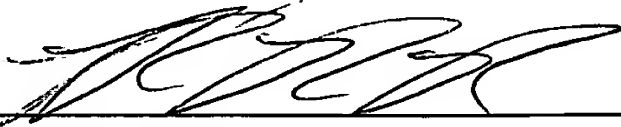


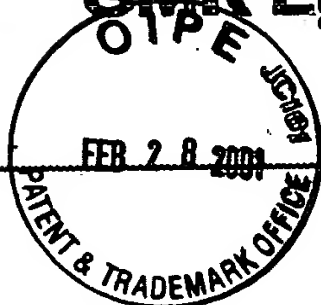
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I hereby certify that on **February 28, 2001**, a true copy of the foregoing REQUEST
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Dear Rahul,

I am sorry to hear that you can not present us for GIT patent work due to the problem between Pennie and Stanford University. As discussed in our talk, it is very hard for us to find an appropriate attorney at this moment for the patent. Thus, please release all the documents to Dr. Neil Dey in GMR Epigenetics. We will pursue the patent work by ourselves first and then find a suitable attorney for the work in the future.

The documents for GIT will include two provisional patents and one utility patent:
1). Provisional patent No. 60/196,749 (your reference #10583-0004-888), 2). Provisional patent No. 60/214,148 (your reference #10583-005-999), and 3). Utility patent No. 09/643,128.

Please let me know by e-mail once you get all the documents ready. I will pick up at the front desk of your firm as usual. Thanks for your kind cooperation.

Best regards


Jifan Hu